

11 ~~28.~~ (Amended) A retainer clip for use in retaining fence strand members, comprising:
a first portion and a second portion each made from a non-conducting material, said second portion disposed over, and selectively engageable with, said first portion to define therebetween a first fence strand retaining area and a second fence strand retaining area;
a member connected to one of the first portion and the second portion for closing off the first fence strand retaining area from the second fence strand retaining area; and
means for mounting the retainer clip on a fence post.

Please add the following claims

15 ~~32.~~ (New) A fence strand retainer clip for holding a fence strand member on a fence post, comprising:
a first portion and a second portion each made from a non-conducting material, and each having a first end and a second end;
the first end of said second portion being hingedly attached to the first end of said first portion, and means for releasably connecting the second end of said second portion to the second end of said first portion;
wherein a first fence strand retaining area and a second fence strand retaining area are defined between said first and second portions when the second end of said second portion is engaged with the second end of said first portion, said first fence strand retaining area is elongated to permit a broad fence strand member to be retained, and said second fence strand retaining area is at least partially circular to permit a slender fence strand member to be retained;
and
means for mounting the retainer clip on a fence post.

16 ~~33.~~ (New) A fence strand retainer clip as claimed in claim ~~32~~, wherein the means for ^{mounting} retaining comprise an end cap for mounting onto an end of a fence post.